



Economic Growth Region 1

Statistical Data Report for August 2016, Released October 2016

Regional and State Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

Unemployment rates were significantly higher in August in six states, lower in three states, and stable in 41 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Ten states had notable jobless rate decreases from a year earlier, 5 states had increases, and 35 states and the District had no significant change. The national unemployment rate remained at 4.9 percent in August and was little different from that of August 2015.



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Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke and Pulaski Counties

Unemployment Rates by State - August 2016

(seasonally adjusted)

- U.S. - 4.9%
- Illinois - 5.5%
- Indiana - 4.5%**
- Kentucky - 4.9%
- Michigan - 4.5%
- Ohio - 4.7%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Rank by County - August 2016

(high to low*)

- #2 - Lake (6.5%)
- #6 - LaPorte (6%)
- #14 - Newton (5.3%)
- #15 - Porter (5.3%)
- #16 - Starke (5.3%)
- #21 - Jasper (5.1%)
- #42 - Pulaski (4.7%)

*of Indiana's 92 counties

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

August 2016 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Aug 2016 Rate	July 2016 Rate	Aug 2015 Rate
U.S.	159,800,000	151,804,000	7,996,000	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%
IN	3,391,395	3,234,718	156,677	4.6%	4.4%	4.5%
Gary Metro Div	349,952	328,525	21,427	6.1%	5.8%	6.0%
MichCity-LaPorte MSA	49,060	46,105	2,955	6.0%	5.6%	5.7%
EGR 1	416,631	391,360	25,271	6.1%	5.7%	5.9%
Lake Co.	238,471	222,883	15,588	6.5%	6.2%	6.5%
Porter Co.	87,350	82,755	4,595	5.3%	5.0%	5.1%
LaPorte Co.	49,060	46,105	2,955	6.0%	5.6%	5.7%
Newton Co.	7,265	6,879	386	5.3%	5.0%	5.2%
Jasper Co.	16,866	16,008	858	5.1%	4.9%	5.3%
Starke Co.	11,101	10,517	584	5.3%	5.1%	5.3%
Pulaski Co.	6,518	6,213	305	4.7%	4.5%	3.9%
East Chicago	10,572	9,640	932	8.8%	8.7%	8.9%
Hammond	36,258	33,759	2,499	6.9%	6.7%	6.7%
Munster	12,278	11,657	621	5.1%	4.6%	4.2%
Dyer	9,059	8,644	415	4.6%	4.3%	4.5%
Schererville	16,655	15,804	851	5.1%	4.8%	4.7%
Crown Point	15,141	14,292	849	5.6%	5.5%	5.5%
Griffith	9,256	8,698	558	6.0%	5.6%	6.4%
Highland	13,106	12,417	689	5.3%	4.9%	4.7%
Gary	28,605	25,801	2,804	9.8%	9.2%	10.2%
Merrillville	17,709	16,495	1,214	6.9%	6.3%	6.8%
Hobart	15,493	14,433	1,060	6.8%	6.1%	7.1%
Lake Station	5,187	4,714	473	9.1%	8.1%	10.7%
Portage	18,453	17,291	1,162	6.3%	5.7%	6.0%
Chesterton	6,934	6,584	350	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Valparaiso	16,462	15,632	830	5.0%	4.7%	5.0%
Michigan City	13,064	12,157	907	6.9%	6.8%	6.9%
LaPorte	9,802	9,274	528	5.4%	5.2%	5.3%

The data displayed are presented as estimates only. The most recent month's data are always preliminary and are revised when the next month's data are released.

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics. Released 9-21-2016

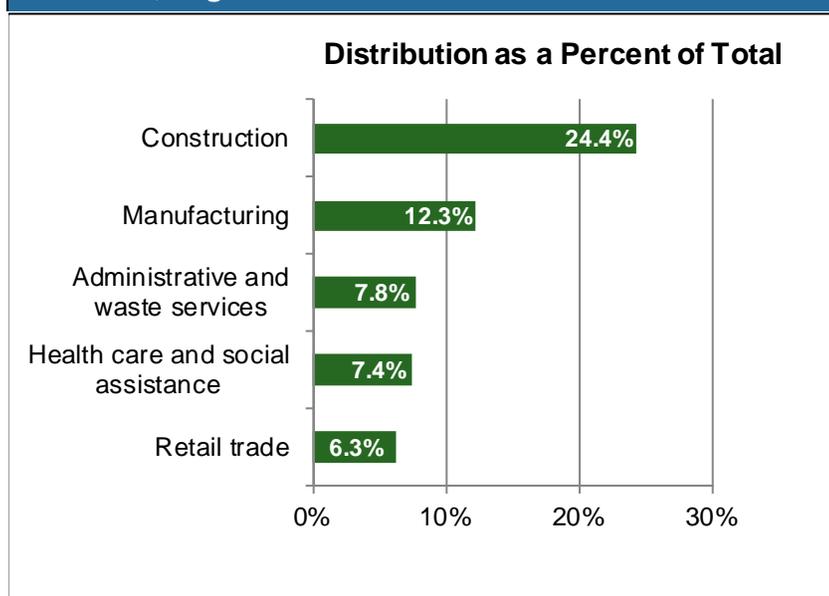
LaPorte City and Michigan City unemployment estimates were affected throughout 2014 by a coding error of local unemployment insurance claimant data. This only impacted LaPorte City and Michigan City. The yearly benchmarking process in May has corrected the error previously and moving forward.

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to August 2016 from:

CPI Item	Aug-15	Jul-16	Aug-15	Jul-16	Aug-15	Jul-16
	Chicago-Gary-Kenosha, IL-IN-WI		Midwest Region*		U.S. City	
All Items	-0.3%	0.2%	0.6%	0.1%	1.1%	0.1%
Food & Beverages	-0.2%	0.5%	-0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Housing	1.7%	0.2%	1.9%	0.1%	2.6%	0.2%
Apparel	-2.5%	7.3%	-0.9%	2.0%	0.3%	1.5%
Transportation	-6.4%	-0.9%	-4.9%	-0.4%	-4.0%	-1.0%
Medical Care	2.4%	0.3%	5.0%	0.7%	4.9%	0.8%
Recreation	-4.6%	-2.1%	0.8%	-0.4%	0.9%	-0.2%
Education & Communication	1.0%	0.8%	0.5%	0.3%	0.7%	0.4%
Other Goods & Services	-0.1%	-0.2%	1.5%	0.2%	2.1%	0.2%

*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 1 Industries, August 2016



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 1 - August 2016				
Company	City	County	Affected Workers	Notice Date
Stanrail	Gary	Lake	103	8/26/2016
WARN notices for nearby locations				
Magnetation	Reynolds, IN	White	160	8/26/2016

For information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet:

<http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>
<http://www.in.gov/dwd/2567.htm>

Unemployment Claims August 2016

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Initial Claims

August 6th, 2016 – 393 (D)
August 13th, 2016 – 431 (D)
August 20th, 2016 – 443 (D)
August 27th, 2016 – 446 (D)

Continued Claims

August 6th, 2016 – 2,928
August 13th, 2016 – 2,975
August 20th, 2016 – 2,911
August 27th, 2016 – 2,958

Total Claims

August 6th, 2016 – 3,321
August 13th, 2016 – 3,406
August 20th, 2016 – 3,354
August 27th, 2016 – 3,404

*(D): Indicates one or more counties are excluded due to non-disclosure issues.

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

August 6th, 2016 – 3,370
August 13th, 2016 – 2,734
August 20th, 2016 – 2,764
August 27th, 2016 – 2,566

Continued Claims

August 6th, 2016 – 19,212
August 13th, 2016 – 18,476
August 20th, 2016 – 18,435
August 27th, 2016 – 18,051

Total Claims

August 6th, 2016 – 22,582
August 13th, 2016 – 21,210
August 20th, 2016 – 21,199
August 27th, 2016 – 20,617

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

Gary Metropolitan Division							
				Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<i>Wage and Salaried Employment - August 2016</i>				Change	Change	Change	Change
Industry	Aug-16	Jul-16	Aug-15	Jul-16 to Aug-16	Aug-15 to Aug-16	Jul-16 to Aug-16	Aug-15 to Aug-16
Total Nonfarm	278,000	272,800	272,300	5,200	1.9%	5,700	2.1%
Total Private	243,000	241,500	238,700	1,500	0.6%	4,300	1.8%
Goods Producing	53,200	53,000	52,300	200	0.4%	900	1.7%
Service-Providing	224,800	219,800	220,000	5,000	2.3%	4,800	2.2%
Private Service Providing	189,800	188,500	186,400	1,300	0.7%	3,400	1.8%
Mining and Logging	100	100	100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mining, Logging and Construction	16,800	16,700	15,600	100	0.6%	1,200	7.7%
Construction	16,700	16,600	15,500	100	0.6%	1,200	7.7%
Manufacturing	36,400	36,300	36,700	100	0.3%	-300	-0.8%
Durable Goods	28,000	28,100	28,800	-100	-0.4%	-800	-2.8%
Primary Metal Manufacturing	16,600	16,700	17,800	-100	-0.6%	-1,200	-6.7%
Iron and Steel Mills and Ferroalloy Manufacturing	15,700	15,800	16,400	-100	-0.6%	-700	-4.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	61,200	61,400	58,800	-200	-0.3%	2,400	4.1%
Wholesale Trade	9,900	10,000	9,600	-100	-1.0%	300	3.1%
Retail Trade	35,700	35,900	34,100	-200	-0.6%	1,600	4.7%
General Merchandise Stores	7,300	7,400	7,100	-100	-1.4%	200	2.8%
Other Gen Merch Stores	4,200	4,300	4,100	-100	-2.3%	100	2.4%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	15,600	15,500	15,100	100	0.7%	500	3.3%
Information	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	8,800	8,800	8,700	0	0.0%	100	1.2%
Professional and Business Services	22,100	21,700	22,900	400	1.8%	-800	-3.5%
Employment Services	3,800	3,600	3,500	200	5.6%	300	8.6%
Education and Health Services	48,300	48,100	47,400	200	0.4%	900	1.9%
Educational Services	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	0.0%	100	1.8%
Health Care and Social Assistance	42,500	42,300	41,700	200	0.5%	800	1.9%
General Medical and Surgical Hospitals	13,400	13,400	13,000	0	0.0%	400	3.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	33,900	33,000	33,000	900	2.7%	900	2.7%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	7,000	7,100	6,900	-100	-1.4%	100	1.5%
Food Services and Drinking Places	25,200	24,500	24,400	700	2.9%	800	3.3%
Other Services	13,500	13,500	13,600	0	0.0%	-100	-0.7%
Total Government	35,000	31,300	33,600	3,700	11.8%	1,400	4.2%
Federal Government	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	5,100	4,900	4,000	200	4.1%	1,100	27.5%
Local Government	28,000	24,500	27,700	3,500	14.3%	300	1.1%
Local Government Educational Services	14,500	10,800	14,300	3,700	34.3%	200	1.4%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

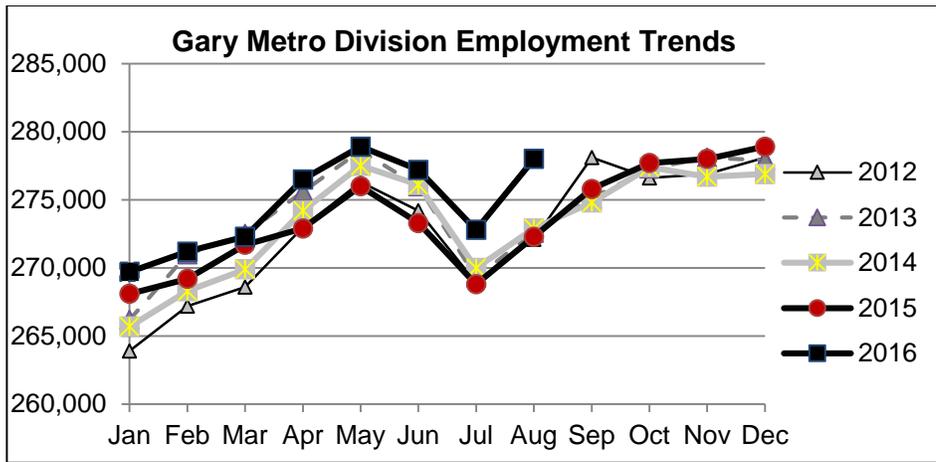
Applicant Pool

Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months

- 1 Helpers--Production Workers - 1,539
- 2 Production Workers, All Other - 1,310
- 3 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other - 1,231
- 4 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand - 1,227
- 5 Customer Service Representatives - 895
- 6 Cashiers - 818
- 7 Construction Laborers - 609
- 8 Office Clerks, General - 573
- 9 Stock Clerks and Order Fillers - 534
- 10 Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers - 524
- 11 Carpenters - 497
- 12 Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators - 497
- 13 Construction and Related Workers, All Other - 491
- 14 Managers, All Other - 445
- 15 Nursing Assistants - 405
- 16 Retail Salespersons - 387
- 17 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General - 383
- 18 Administrative Services Managers - 374
- 19 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers - 374
- 20 Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants - 370

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect





Note: Historical data for the most recent 5 years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to the release of January estimates for statewide data.

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics5

Frequently Listed Jobs

Top 20 job listings by number of openings in Region 1 for the month of August 2016

- 1 Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
- 2 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand
- 3 Helpers--Production Workers
- 4 Registered Nurses
- 5 Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
- 6 Production Workers, All Other
- 7 Automotive Master Mechanics
- 8 Sales and Related Workers, All Other
- 9 Extruding, Forming, Pressing, and Compacting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders
- 10 Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other
- 11 Therapists, All Other
- 12 Retail Salespersons
- 13 Brickmasons and Blockmasons
- 14 Driver/Sales Workers
- 15 Chief Executives
- 16 Customer Service Representatives
- 17 Security Guards
- 18 Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop
- 19 First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
- 20 Maintenance Workers, Machinery

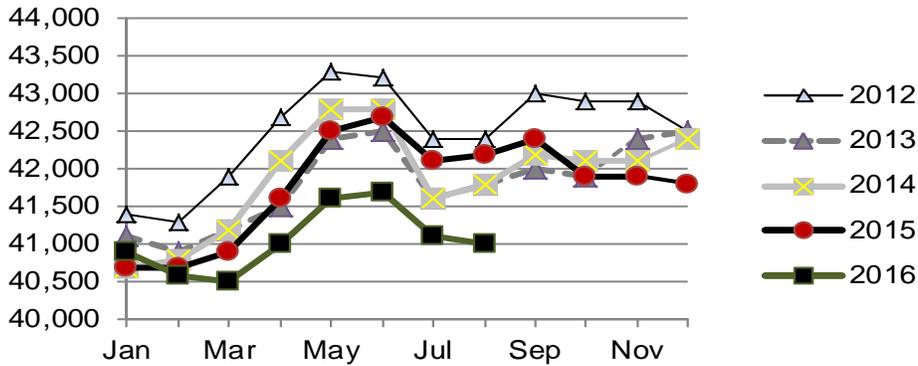
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Michigan City-LaPorte Metropolitan Statistical Area						
<i>Wage and Salaried Employment-August 2016</i>			Number Change	Percent Change	Number Change	Percent Change
Industry	Aug-16	Jul-16	Aug-15	Jul-16 to Aug-16	Aug-15 to Aug-16	
Total Nonfarm	41,000	41,100	42,200	-100	-1,200	-0.2%
Total Private	35,100	35,400	35,700	-300	-600	-0.9%
Goods Producing	9,600	9,800	9,700	-200	-100	-2.0%
Service-Providing	31,400	31,300	32,500	100	-1,100	0.3%
Private Service Providing	25,500	25,600	26,000	-100	-500	-0.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,000	2,100	2,000	-100	0	-4.8%
Manufacturing	7,600	7,700	7,700	-100	-100	-1.3%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	7,900	7,900	8,600	0	-700	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,300	1,400	0	-100	0.0%
Retail Trade	5,600	5,600	5,600	0	0	0.0%
Information	200	200	200	0	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	-100	0.0%
Education and Health Services	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	6,000	6,100	5,700	-100	300	-1.6%
Other Services	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0	0.0%
Total Government	5,900	5,700	6,500	200	-600	3.5%
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0	0.0%
State Government	1,800	1,800	2,200	0	-400	0.0%
Local Government	3,900	3,700	4,100	200	-200	5.4%
Educational Services	1,900	1,600	2,100	300	-200	18.8%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

Mich City-LaPorte MSA Employment Trends



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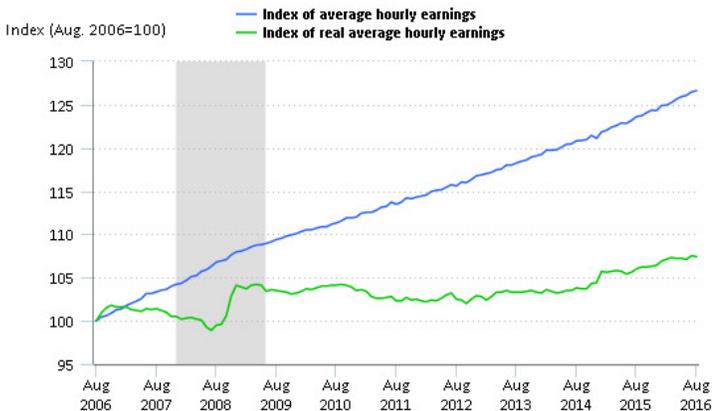
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Real earnings decrease \$0.01 per hour in August 2016

September 21, 2016

In August 2016, real or inflation-adjusted average hourly earnings for all private sector employees decreased \$0.01 from the previous month. The decrease in real hourly earnings resulted from an increase of \$0.03 in average hourly earnings (not adjusted for inflation) being offset by a 0.2-percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), which is used to adjust earnings for inflation.

Indexes of real and nominal average hourly earnings of all private sector employees, seasonally adjusted, August 2006–August 2016



Shaded areas represent recessions as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

From August 2015 to August 2016, real average hourly earnings increased \$0.14 per hour. This resulted from an increase in average hourly earnings of \$0.61 over the year, combined with a 1.1-percent increase in the CPI-U over the same period.

These data are from the [Current Employment Statistics](#) program and are seasonally adjusted. For more information, see "Real Earnings — August 2016" The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) is used to adjust the earnings data for inflation.

Hours & Earnings by Industry Statewide

August 2016

Average Weekly Earnings

Construction	\$1,035.62
Manufacturing	\$802.46
Durable Goods	\$846.85
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	\$619.50
Transport Equip Mfg	\$982.49
Non-Durable Goods	\$695.70
Retail Trade	\$418.09
Financial Activities	\$785.04
Health Care & Soc Assistance	\$691.37
Accomm & Food Svc	\$250.61
Food Services/Bars	\$250.98

Average Weekly Hours

Construction	37.7
Manufacturing	41.6
Durable Goods	42.3
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	35.0
Transport Equip Mfg	46.3
Non-Durable Goods	39.8
Retail Trade	29.8
Financial Activities	37.1
Health Care & Soc Assistance	34.9
Accomm & Food Svc	23.8
Food Services/Bars	23.5

Average Hourly Earnings

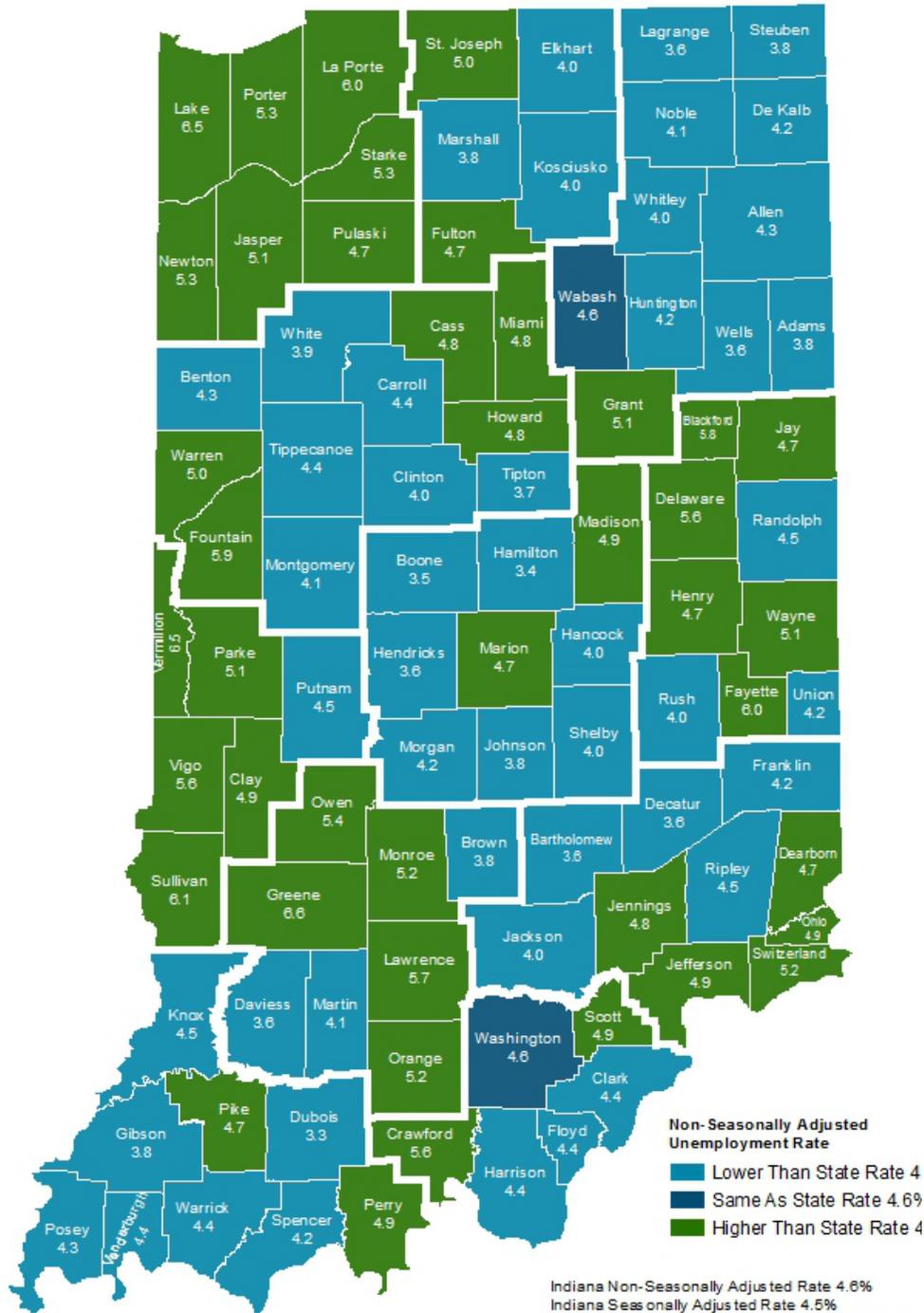
Construction	\$27.47
Manufacturing	\$19.29
Durable Goods	\$20.02
Fab Metal Prod Mfg	\$17.70
Transport Equip Mfg	\$21.22
Non-Durable Goods	\$17.48
Retail Trade	\$14.03
Financial Activities	\$21.16
Health Care & Soc Assistance	\$19.81
Accomm & Food Svc	\$10.53
Food Services/Bars	\$10.68

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Current Employment Statistics

County Unemployment Rates August 2016



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